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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al. ) Examiner: Kris Pelham Mayo  
Application No.: 09/090,672 ) Group Art Unit: 1633  
Filed: June 4, 1998 )  
For: IgA NEPHROPATHY-RELATED )  
GENES ) March 3, 2000

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated  
February 15, 2000 (Paper No. 8) in the above-identified  
application, as follows.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner  
required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the  
inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1-5, 7, 10-13, 18 and 19), drawn to  
nucleic acids, method of using nucleic acids for  
detecting mRNA of an IgA nephropathy-related gene,  
an IgA nephropathy-related gene, an IgA nephropathy  
diagnostic agent, an IgA nephropathy therapeutic  
agent, vector, host cell, transformant, and method

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